



**Sixth Sunday after  
Epiphany  
February 19, 2023**

**EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**Mission Statement**

*"Ebensburg Presbyterians are Christians giving help and hope to all by sharing God's love."*

## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart  
**and tell everyone about the marvelous things you do.**  
I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
**And sing your praises, O Lord God above all gods**  
**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN#466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) 1

**Loving God,**  
**we cannot stand before the glory of your presence.**  
**You shine with divine light,**  
**and we are overwhelmed by your goodness.**  
**Lift us in your mercy,**  
**release us from our fear,**  
**and fill us with your Spirit,**  
**that we might reflect your light**  
**and share your love,**  
**for the sake of Jesus,**  
**our Savior. Amen** [*silent confession*]

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*responsively*)      Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and merciful,  
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.  
For His unfailing love toward us is as great as  
the height of the heavens above the earth.  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and sent. Praise the Lord!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also, with you.**  
(*Please share the peace of Christ with those around.*)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in union*)

**Gracious Lord,  
like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Luke 11:33-36 Page 486

SECOND READING: Luke 10:25-36 Page 844

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Who is YOUR Neighbor?

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967, 9.08)

**In Jesus of Nazareth,  
true humanity was realized once for all.  
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,  
lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations,  
joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God in  
word and deed  
and became a brother  
to all kinds of sinful men and women.  
But his complete obedience  
led him into conflict with his people.  
His life and teaching judged their goodness,  
religious aspirations, and national hopes.  
Many rejected him and demanded his death.  
In giving himself freely for them,  
he took upon himself the judgment  
under which everyone stands convicted.  
God raised him from the dead,  
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.  
The victim of sin became victor,  
and won the victory  
over sin and death for all.**

\*HYMN#372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

— SENDING —

\*HYMN# 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Num. 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you  
and keep you;  
the LORD make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you  
and give you peace.” **Amen**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*Please stand as you are able.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Join us for Ash Wednesday Service and Breakfast @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall, Ebensburg Presbyterian Church on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the office (814-472-6920) to let us know how many will attend by February 15th

### **Youth program and Confirmation Class**

Sunday February 26, @6-7:30

### **Bible Study Program: Wednesdays @7pm**

Please join us for a Bible Study on Wednesday @7pm. In-person or/zoom

### **Birthday and Announcements**

Laurel Lyons, Feb. 23

Amy Brulia, Feb. 25

Jani Stratton, Feb. Feb. 28

### **Bell Choir Sunday, Feb. 5**

We will start bell choir practices this Sunday February 5th. Practice starts at 12:00 immediately following the service.

**Pastoral Care** – Please feel free to call Pastor Owar Ojulu at 507-304-5958 for any pastoral needs.

### **You may join our church in one of three ways:**

1. **Transfer** from another congregation.
2. **Reaffirm** your faith if you have not been an active church member recently.
3. **Profess** Jesus as Savior and Lord.

*Please talk to the pastor or one of the leaders*

**REDSTONE PRESBYTERY: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 -**  
**Ebensburg Church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting**  
**(In Person at 6:00 p.m. and on ZOOM meeting)**

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Year 2023** New Prayer Lists begins. If you have any names to add to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920, send email to [ebgpresby@gmail.com](mailto:ebgpresby@gmail.com) or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Eva Tomb

Richard McKim

Jim Estep

Ramona McKim

Candi Elam

Ben & Patricia Tuchi

Peter & Margaret Funch

Albie

Tom R.

Joe P

Erin M.

Marty F.

Claudette Segear

John Fedora

Sharon Westrick

Ruthan Noderer

Gloria P.

Mary R.

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Bob & Mary Clare Stofko